



This Week's Topics:

Family Fitness Night - Picture Make-Up Day - Online Ordering for School Meals - Parent University - Attendance - and More

Family Fitness Night!

Who: Founding Families

What: Join us for a fun evening of exercising our mind and body.

When: November 3rd from 5:30p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Where: Our Temporary School Home, 600 Seigle Avenue.

Why: To experience different types of movement and to have fun!

How: Wear your workout clothes.

- Mrs. Dawkins, our 3rd grade teacher, will demonstrate the different types of movement in a VERITAS classroom.
- Coach Johnson, our PE teacher, will coach us through a sample PE class.
- Amber Burke, a VERITAS parent and fitness professional, will lead us in a PoundFit workout.

Picture Day Make-Ups

On November 10th, we will host a make-up day for school pictures for those students who were absent and for picture re-takes. You will receive your child's photo this week, and if you are dissatisfied with the picture, you may request to have his or her picture re-taken. Send in a note with your child by November 9th if you would like a re-take.

Moving from Paper to Online!

Beginning November 16th, ALL meals will be ordered and paid for online through <https://www.ezparentcenter.com/>. Be sure to register your child today!

Each week, there will be a one-week window for you to place your child's order for the following week. All current balances will be uploaded to this website too, so you can easily see and pay your balance.

Last week, everyone was emailed instructions for the online system. If you didn't receive it, please reach out to our Office Manager, Wakena Colon, at wcolon@veritascommunityschool.org, and she'll re-send it to you.

Thank you for doing your part to streamline the meal ordering and payment system!

Open House for the 2016-2017 School Year

If you know families who are looking for a new school home for the 2016-2017 school year, please encourage them to attend our upcoming Open House on November 17th at 5:30pm-7:00pm at our Seigle Avenue location.

We are adding 4th grade next year and opening up an additional class for each grade level. We need your help reaching families so that we can serve more children with our innovative and engaging program. Invite your friends and family to consider VERITAS for their children. We'd love to meet them and share the VERITAS Vision with them!

After School Clubs

We now offer four different After School clubs for our students, including Art Club, Book Club, Dance Club, and TaeKwonDo. If your child wasn't able to join one this session, there will be another opportunity in the next session. Look for details in an upcoming newsletter.

For pick-up, we want to ensure your child's safety, so please stay in your car in the car rider line, and your child will be brought to you.

General Reminders

Contact: Your child's teacher is your point of contact regarding attendance, classroom questions, lost items, and general concerns. Here are all of our teachers' email addresses:

- Ms. Rojas: jrojas@veritascommunityschool.org
- Mrs. Pedersen: lpedersen@veritascommunityschool.org
- Mrs. Sandonato: bsandonato@veritascommunityschool.org
- Ms. Oliverio: joliverio@veritascommunityschool.org
- Mrs. Dawkins: mdawkins@veritascommunityschool.org

Pick Up: We love your children, and they must be picked up on time. In the event that you are late to pick up your child, there is a \$1/minute charge after 3:15 M-Tr and 12:15 on F. Payment is due upon arrival. Park your car and enter the building to pick up your child and to pay the late fee.

Lost Items: As the weather gets colder and the articles of clothing increase, be sure to write your child's name on each item in permanent marker. There is a lost and found drawer in the Head of School's office, and it is already getting full. If your child is missing something, direct him or her to go to the office before school starts to retrieve lost items.

Attendance

Regular and on-time attendance each school day is essential for your child's academic and socio-emotional success.

Our school day begins at 8:00am, so deliver your child by 7:45 to give him or her the opportunity to settle into the classroom, say, "Good morning" to his or her teacher and classmates, and complete the assigned Morning Work.

If your child needs breakfast, drop him or her off by 7:30, so there is time for breakfast too. Starting out in a calm and organized manner sets up your child for a great day of high engagement!

Reminder: If you need to pick up your child early or if there is a change in your child's transportation, be sure to send in a note in your child's communication folder so that your child will be ready to leave at the appointed time. Emails and phone calls during the school day should be reserved for true emergencies.

Also, if you must pick up your child early, you must do so by 2:30pm on M-Tr and by 11:30 on F. Please do not ring the doorbell as this disrupts classes. Call Wakena Colon at 704-648-8428, and she will come greet you at the door.

Parent University:

Make It, Take It Literacy Night

Join us for our next session of Parent University on November 19th from 5:30-7:00pm. Melissa Vullo, our Literacy Interventionist, will talk with parents about how to promote literacy at home.

Reading is an essential skill for every subject and for lifelong learning. Join us for this opportunity to learn simple ways to improve your child's academic achievement and further build your parent/child relationship.